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SUBJECT: COUNTRY TEAM ASSESSMENT FOR JORDANIAN ARMED FORCES
(JAF) REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC WARFARE EQUIPMENT

1. ON 5 MARCH 2003 JAF SUBMITTED A LETTER OF REQUEST (LOR) FOR A LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE (LOA) FOR ELECTRONIC WARFARE EQUIPMENT. THE HIGH FREQUENCY JAMMING SYSTEM AND THE THREE-STATION DIRECTIONAL FINDING (DF) SYSTEM WERE BOTH DETERMINED NOT TO BE RELEASABLE TO JORDAN WITHOUT REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE INTER-AGENCY. IN A MEMO DATED 12 SEPTEMBER 2003, THE DIRECTOR FOR SECURITY COOPERATION INTEGRATION PROVIDED AN INFORMAL OPINION ON THE RELEASABILITY OF THE ELECTRONIC WARFARE EQUIPMENT.

2. THE HIGH FREQUENCY JAMMING SYSTEM THE JORDANIAN ARMED FORCES HAS REQUESTED WOULD BE CAPABLE OF JAMMING 2-30 MHZ IN SPOT, BARRAGE AND SWEEP MODES WITH AN OUTPUT POWER OF 500 WATTS.

3. THE REQUESTED DIRECTIONAL FINDING SYSTEM CONSISTS OF THREE STATIONS WITH THE FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS: FREQUENCY RANGE OF 20 MHZ)3 GHZ; DIRECTIONAL FINDING FOR FREQUENCY HOPPING, BURST, GSM AND FIXED; HIGH SPEED SPECTRUM SCANNING; GPS SYSTEM; DF ACCURACY TO 1 RMS; AND A SCANNING SPEED OF 25 GHZ PER SECOND.

4. THE EMBASSY COUNTRY TEAM RECOMMENDS THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT APPROVES RELEASE OF THE HIGH FREQUENCY JAMMING SYSTEM AND THE THREE-STATION DIRECTIONAL FINDING (DF) SYSTEM TO THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN FOR PROCUREMENT THROUGH THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROGRAM.

5. THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN PLAYS A PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE CONTINUED PEACE OF THE REGION AND MERITS FURTHER U.S. ASSISTANCE. THE SYSTEMS IN QUESTION WILL ENABLE JORDAN TO DEFEND ITS BORDERS BETTER BY INTERCEPTING SIGNALS AND PINPOINTING THE LOCATION OF SUSPECTED TERRORISTS OR SMUGGLERS WHO MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO TRANSPORT WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVE DEVICES ACROSS JORDAN'S BORDERS AND BY JAMMING THE COMMUNICATION SIGNALS OF SUSPECTED TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS OPERATING ON OR NEAR JORDAN'S BORDERS.

6. JORDAN IS A KEY PLAYER IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR (GWOT) AND THE RELEASE OF THE ELECTRONICS WARFARE EQUIPMENT WILL IMPROVE JORDAN'S ABILITY TO COMBAT AND DETER TERRORISM. THE MORE CAPABLE JORDAN IS IN PROTECTING AND SECURING ITS BORDERS, THE MORE EFFECTIVE JORDAN'S EFFORTS WILL BE IN DETERRING AGGRESSION AND ENHANCING THE STABILITY OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION.

7. THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT CONFIRMED TO THE EMBASSY COUNTRY TEAM ITS INTENT TO PROVIDE THESE ITEMS WITH THE SAME DEGREE OF SECURITY AS THE U.S. WOULD PROVIDE. IN THE PAST JORDAN HAS BEEN A TRUSTWORTHY CUSTODIAN OF SIMILAR SENSITIVE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY. THE COUNTRY TEAM STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT THIS WILL CONTINUE.

8. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE REACTION FROM ANY REGIONAL STATE, INCLUDING ISRAEL OR SAUDI ARABIA, IN RESPONSE TO THE GOJ ACQUISITION OF THE ELECTRONIC WARFARE SYSTEM. THE REGIONAL COUNTRIES SHARE A MUTUAL INTEREST IN SEEING THAT JORDAN'S MILITARY MAINTAINS OR INCREASES ITS DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES.

9. THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION WILL NOT SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGE THE FORCE STRUCTURE OF THE JORDANIAN ARMED FORCES.

10. THE SYSTEMS WOULD BE FUNDED BY FOREIGN MILITARY FINANCING (FMF) AND WILL HAVE NO IMPACT ON THE JORDANIAN ECONOMY.

11. THE MANAGERS OF THE SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN THE UNITED STATES ON THE SAME SYSTEMS. THIS WILL NOT PRECLUDE THEM FROM SEEKING ADDITIONAL TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES OR IN JORDAN AS A PART OF A FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CASE.

12. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY ALLEGATIONS OF GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE JORDANIAN ARMED FORCES THAT WOULD PROHIBIT RELEASE OF THESE ITEMS.

13. POC FOR THIS ACTION IS MAJ W. MARK HUNTHROP, USA, AT 011-962-6-592-0101, EXT. 2545 OR AT WHUNTHROP@SAN.OSD.MIL.

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